

*Reply of Government.*—Whenever ryots themselves offer to commute their liability into a money contribution owing to local difficulties, Government have always been prepared to undertake the maintenance work to be executed by their agency in the case of important works. The causes of delay in the cases brought to notice (Malvalli tank, Bannur tank, and Marahalli tank) will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 98.

(1) Classification of major and minor tanks in the malnad.

(2) Repairs to small tanks in the malnad from Irrigation Cess Fund.

(1) Messrs. K. Shankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha, Kesavadasa Iyengar and Veerasetty, Belur taluk; C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk; and Bhistiah, Yedahalli sub-taluk.

(2) Mr. Nadiga Bhistaiya, Yedahalli sub-taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—(1) Repairs to minor tanks in the malnad are scarcely attended to. Their number being large, it is not possible for the ryots to repair the tanks by themselves, especially since they are wanting in unanimity.

The present classification of major and minor tanks may be so altered as to include tanks with an achkat of Rs. 100 and under as minor tanks and all the rest as major tanks so far as the malnad is concerned, so as to vest the repairs of all tanks with an atchkat of over Rs. 100 in the Public Works department.

(2) In the malnad, the Brahmadaya and Devadaya lands depend on small tanks for water-supply, and are subjected to Irrigation Cess. The tanks having been silted up, do not contain a sufficient supply of water. Pray that they may be repaired out of "Irrigation Cess Fund."

*Reply of Government.*—The matter is under the consideration of the Chief Engineer and his proposals are awaited.

SUBJECT No. 99.

Restoration of minor tanks.

(1 & 2) Mr. Sitappa Chetty, Kolar District Board.

*Summary of discussion.*—(1) Contributions collected from the ryots towards earthwork to minor tanks are being kept in Savings Bank deposit for unusually long periods pending Government finding requisite funds for the execution of masonry work. As an instance is cited the case of the Tholabaladakere in the Bagepalli taluk. Orders may be passed that such works should be undertaken early in preference to other works.

(2) Minor tanks should be treated in the same way as major tanks in the matter of their restoration. The ryots should not be held liable to do the earthwork before the tank is restored. They should be held responsible for the maintenance of only such of the tanks as are restored.

Solicits that orders may be passed that measurements be taken and bills paid monthly for the works executed to minor tanks.

(3) Messrs. Karnik Nallappa and Y. Rama Rao, Tumkur Municipality.

(3) Greater allotment may be made for restoration of minor tanks every year. The amount sanctioned for each district must be worked out. Such restoration will ensure the raising of crops beneath such tanks which